

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 063097F]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Committee Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting of the Alaska Board of Fisheries/North Pacific Fishery Management Council joint committee.

SUMMARY: Representatives of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and the Alaska Board of Fisheries will meet in Anchorage, AK.

DATES: The meeting will be held July 21–22, 1997, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on July 21.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Room 219 of the Old Federal Building, 605 W. 4th Avenue, Anchorage, AK.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501–2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Clarence Pautzke, Phone: 907–271–2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee will review the joint protocol previously adopted by both bodies and determine how it can be best implemented. Other topics on the agenda will include halibut management in local areas, state waters groundfish fisheries, crab pot-groundfish trawler preemption, shoreside regulations for improved retention and utilization of groundfish, and review of proposals for state waters management. Other items of mutual interest, such as scallop and crab management, will be added as appropriate.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen, 907–271–2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 1, 1997.

Gary C. Matlock,

Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 070297A]

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Hawaii Crustaceans Plan Team (HI–CPT) members will hold a meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held July 31, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Executive Centre Hotel, Room 306, 1088 Bishop Street, Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808) 539–3000.

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1405, Honolulu, HI 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522–8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The HI–CPT will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on the following agenda items:

1. Revisions to the Crustaceans Fishery Management Plan (FMP) through amendments, arising from the re-authorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act;
2. NMFS annual lobster research cruise in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI);
3. NWHI 1997 lobster fishing season, including the data observer program and Vessel Monitoring System to transmit data and report catch;
4. Possible inconsistencies between Hawaii State and Federal lobster fishing regulations;
5. Areas of the region not included in the FMP; and
6. Other business as required.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522–8220 (voice) or (808) 522–8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 1, 1997.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Pelagics Plan Team (PT) and Hawaii and American Samoa Pelagics Advisory Panel (AP) members will hold a joint meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held July 30–31, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Ala Moana Hotel, Ilima Room, 410 Atkinson Drive, Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808) 955 4811.

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1405, Honolulu, HI 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522–8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The joint PT/AP will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on the following agenda items:

1. Bycatch in the Hawaii-based longline fishery (turtles, sharks, albatross);
2. Revisions to the Pelagic Fisheries Management Plan and amendments arising from the re-authorization of the Magnuson Act;
3. Management issues for the emergent longline fishery in American Samoa;
4. Pelagic small boat working groups in American Samoa and Northern Mariana Islands
5. Pelagic fisheries and marine mammal interactions;
6. Hawaii akule and opelu fisheries;
7. Second multilateral high level conference on management of tuna in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean; and
8. Other business as required.